Technology upgradation in Small Scale Sector

1387. SHRI RFC, MAHESHWARI:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to announce a comprehensive policy for the Small Scale Industry and setting up of the technology upgradation fund for the SSI sectors;

(b) if so, the details of main objectives/issues likely to be incorporated in the said policy/fund;

(c) whether there is any hurdle in announcing the said policy/fund to fulfil the W.T.O, obligations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time which the said policy/fund is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) A comprehensive new policy on the Small Scale Sector, including a scheme for support for technology upgradation of the SSI Sector is under finalisation.

The main objective is to formulate an integrated and balanced package of policy measures necessary to strengthen the SSI sector and enhance its competitiveness.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) The policy is under finalisation.

Number of SSI Units

† 1388. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Small Scale Industrial units in the country was 20.82 lakh during the year 1991-92 which has increased to 31.12 lakh upto the year 1998-99;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.